

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/296,534

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETERMINING A LATENT VIRAL  
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4/17/02**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated August 16, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:***Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-8 with the following amended paragraph:*

D1  
C1  
This application is related to 09/139,663 filed August 25, 1998 which is a 371 of PCT/US97/18649, filed October 15, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08/732,782, filed October 15, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,817,458, and U.S. Ser. No. 08/732,784, filed October 15, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,714,390, all of which are incorporated by reference herein.

*Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 3-10 with the following amended paragraph:*

D2  
C2  
Without further elaboration, it is believed that one skilled in the art can, using the preceding description, utilize the present invention to its fullest extent. The preceding preferred specific embodiments are, therefore, to be construed as merely illustrative, and not limiting of the remainder of the disclosure in any way whatsoever. The entire disclosure of all applications, patents and